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**In re U.S. National Phase Application of:  
KAY, Peter Hamilton**

**Title: Method Of Identifying Genes Which Promote Hybrid Vigour And Hybrid  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the simultaneously-filed patent application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 (International application number PCT/AU2005/000141).

Prior to examination and before calculation of the filing fee for the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments: